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SUBJECT: WEST BANK PRESS REACTION: CAMP DAVID SUMMIT: NEW SETTLEMENTS

1. SUMMARY: CAMP DAVID SUMMIT DOMINATES ARABIC PRESS
EDITORIAL COMMENT OVER WEEK-END AND MONDAY. MODERATE AL QUDS
(AUG. 14) SCORES NEW SETTLEMENTS PROPOSED BY
ISRAELI MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE AND LINKS THEM TO UP-COMING
CAMP DAVID MEETING AS "A CHALLENGE AIMED AT U.S...." PRO-PLO
AL FAJR (AUG. 14) CALLS FOR MODEST EXPECTATIONS FROM CAMP
DAVID AND FOR ARAB SUPPORT FOR A RESUMPTION OF GENEVA
CONFERENCE.

2. AL QUDS (AUG. 12) TREATS SAUDI SUPPORT FOR CAMP DAVID
SUMMIT AS "TURNING POINT" IN SAUDI POLICY AND "MESSAGE TO
WASHINGTON" URGING HER TO GRAB THIS "LAST OPPORTUNITY."

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3. AL FAJR (AUGUST 13) CONDEMNS SADAT FOR MOVING "DEEPER INTO
CAPITULATION AND THE REALIZATION OF A UNILATERAL AGREEMENT" WITH
THE ISRAELIS. THE PAPER CALLS FOR PALESTINIAN SUPPORT FOR
THE PLO; ARAB SUPPORT FOR SYRIA AS A CONFRONTATION STATE WHO MUST
MAINTAIN THE MILITARY BALANCE OF POWER, AND STRENGTHENING OF
REJECTIONIST FRONT TIES WITH THE USSR AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUN-
TRIES "TO GATHER MAXIMUM SUPPORT FOR THE FRONT."

4. AL QUDS (AUGUST 14) NOTES "EVERYTIME PREPARATIONS ARE MADE FOR
A PEACEFUL MOVE OR CONFERENCE...ISRAEL ADOPTS A REACTIONARY...STAND

OPPOSING SUCH A MOVE." THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF FIVE NEW SETTLEMENTS "IS CONSIDERED ANOTHER CHALLENGE AIMED AT THE U.S...(AND) AT THE ARAB COUNTRIES WHICH DEPEND ON THE U.S. POLICY IN DEALING WITH THE ME CONFLICT." THE PAPER DECLARES "ISRAEL IS RACING WITH TIME TO CREATE A "FAIT ACCOMPLI" ACCORDING TO HER DESIRES TO SUBJUGATE THE ARABS."

5. AL FAJR (AUGUST 14) QUOTES ISRAELI FINANCE MINISTER ERLICH'S PREDICTION OF A SEPARATE PEACE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT AT CAMP DAVID" AND RECALLS THE USSR'S WARNING OF SUCH AN OUTCOME. THE PAPER WARNS ITS READERS "NOT TO HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS OR GREAT LET-DOWNS FROM THE OUTCOME OF AMERICAN MOVES IN THE AREA". "(THEIR) SUCCESS WILL NOT BRING AN END TO CONFRONTATION AND FAILURE WILL NOT BRING...DEATH AND DESTRUCTION." THE PAPER PREDICTS "THE FUTURE OF SUCCESS DEPENDS ON ARAB NATION-ALIST PROGRESSIVES PERPETUATING...GENEVA AS THE ONLY AL-TERNATIVE WHOSE FAILURE WOULD BRING DEATH AND DESTRUCTION AND WHOSE SUCCESS WOULD MEAN LIFE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE AREA."

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